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SUBJECT : SSM Unit in Transit

NO. : PIC/B-1001/60

LOCATION : Moscow, USSR

DATE : 7 January 1960

WAC NUMBER: 167

REFERENCE: Army, Moscow. R-406-59, ID 2126818, 4 Nov 59. (S)

A series of ground photographs taken in Moscow on 2 November 1959 shows part of a train transporting vehicles of a road-mobile surface-to-surface missile (SSM) system. The train, which was in the rail yard near Lenin Stadium, was stated by the reporting officer (RO) to consist of about 30 flatcars and 10 boxcars. The flatcars were reported to carry 3 fuel semitrailers, 3 acid or liquid-oxygen semitrailers, 2 missile transporter/trailers, 8 ZIS-151 trucks with van-type bodies, 8 ZIS-151 trucks with shop/van-type bodies, 5 ZIS-151 general-purpose trucks, and about 20 two-wheeled trailers. Of the reported equipment, the photographs cover 5 tank-type semitrailers, 2 missile transporter/trailers, and about 15 trucks.

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It should be noted that no tracked prime movers were on the train and that the trucks identified by the RO as ZIS-151 are by design rather light for hauling this type of loaded transporter/trailer. The latticework undercarriage of one of the transporter/trailers is probably the tongue of the trailer in a reversed position for transporting and does not indicate that the trailer may also be a launcher, as suggested by the RO.

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